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VIS SOFTWARE

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Here's the March update on the latest developments in our VIS line and in the VIS marketplace. Look here for announcements about new VIS software.

Software is the reason to buy VIS! The home education category continues to be a strong reason for a customer to purchase a VIS. So be sure to demonstrate titles which show what a wonderful learning aid VIS can be.

To help you know what's available, this insert lists titles in three areas: ***Information, Learning***, and ***Fun***. These titles represent a wealth of information — more than enough to keep a user happily occupied for a long time! And more are coming! Titles that appear in this list for the first time this month are indicated by this symbol: ✳ ***New!***

Brand names identify products manufactured by or for vendors whose marks appear on the products or product packaging.
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VIS Software Titles

Comptons Multimedia Encyclopedia

The full text of Comptons Encyclopedia is brought to life with pictures and sound on a single compact disc. Comptons Multimedia Encyclopedia includes thousands of illustrations, exciting animated sequences, and even actual recorded speech of historical figures. A $599.00 value included *free* with each VIS unit!

Included.....Free!

Information

American Heritage Illustrated Encyclopedia Dictionary

Includes over 3000 full-color pictures and images. Program pronounces each word.

Publisher: Xiphias

25-6100.....$79.95

Americans in Space

A complete photographic and video history of American manned space flights. One hour of video, over 500 photos, and text to support every American manned space mission.

Publisher: MultiCom

25-6203.....$59.95

America's National Parks

A comprehensive reference of over 250 parks in the American Park System. With video, full color photos, indexes, and colorful maps, this VIS package is the index for the American traveler. Complete visitor and activity information for each park. Beautiful background music and weather tables for some parks.

Publisher: MultiCom

25-6202.....$59.95

Astology Source

Complete guide to astrological charts. Fun for family, friends, and great at parties. Both novice and experienced users will enjoy this exciting product.

Publisher: MultiCom

25-6141.....$59.95

Better Homes and Gardens Healthy Cooking

This cookbook suggests recipes based on available ingredients. It includes a full-motion video of techniques, photographs of each recipe, full recipe directions, ethnic music, comprehensive indexing, and a calorie counter.

Publisher: Multicom

25-6142.....$59.95

Electronic Library of Art — A Survey of Western Art

The Electronic Library editors have assembled a wide variety of art into a cohesive collection. Covers painting, sculpture, architecture, and other art objects of interest to students and art lovers.

Publisher: EBook

25-6153.....$79.95

New Basics Electronic Cookbook

A complete library of recipes from the Silver Palate cookbook series with more than 70 voice-overs by Silver Palate authors with helpful kitchen hints. Over 500 full-color pictures.

Publisher: Xiphias

25-6101.....$69.95

Time Table of Arts and Entertainment

Historical context for searches, including musical sound segments which give a taste of the world's classic compositions. Includes over 700 pictures, portraits, museums, and segments of famous documents and musical scores.

Publisher: Xiphias

25-6102.....$59.95

Time Table of Business, Politics, and Media
Time-line narration provides historical context for searches. Includes over 700 full-color pictures and images, portraits, graphs, animations, and segments of important documents.

Publisher: Xiphias
25-6103.....$59.95

Time Table of Science and Innovation
Time-line narrations provide historical context for search of 700-plus full-color pictures, images, portraits, animations, and bibliographic references. Sounds include the first television broadcast, Neil Armstrong's first steps on the moon, and more.

Publisher: Xiphias
25-6104.....$59.95

Video Movie Guide 1993
Quickly select movies that are available on video tape. Over 12,000 movies, cross-indexed in 5 ways. Select by star, director, theme, title, or awards. Runs on Sensation! and VIS. VIS and MPC.

Publisher: Advanced Multimedia
25-6151.....$29.95

Learning

Aesop's Fables
Selection of well-known Aesop's Fables, complete with their moral conclusions. The wide range of built-in education options includes music and sound effects to enhance reader appreciation, and second language audio background.

Publisher: Discis
Languages: English, Spanish
25-6136.....$49.95

✳ *New!*
American Vista
A stunning presentation of places to see and get to know in America. Includes detailed maps which richly illustrate the topography, natural resources, and environmental and geopolitical features of the country, states, and major cities. Also includes more than 1,000 images and music from the Smithsonian Institution's *Folkways Collection* to let you experience the diversity of America's land and its people. Economic and demographic statistics, travel information, state flags and symbols, and US and states' histories are included, too.

Publisher: Applied Optical
25-6105.....$79.95

✳ *New!*
Atlas of the US Presidents
A history of all the presidents of the United States with personal and professional information about each. Features actual speeches, illustrated maps of significant events, and election results. Includes searchable facts and presidential symbols and has information about each First Lady, too.

Publisher: Applied Optical
25-6106.....$39.95

Better Not Get Wet, Jesse Bear
Young children will fully identify with Jesse Bear's delight in water play. The VIS version adds engaging music and delightful sounds to the story.

Publisher: MacMillan New Media
25-6201.....$29.95

✳ *New!*
Bible
Search the King James version of the Bible with Go To Reference, Topical Guide, and Word Search options. View dozens of Bible stories in multimedia presentations featuring scenes by great masters, dramatic narration, and stirring music. Play selections of Sacred Music as a background to your study or in the foreground for leisurely listening.

Publisher: Candlelight Publishers
25-6162.....$69.95

✳ *New!*
Bible Lands, Bible Stories
Bible Lands, Bible Stories is your passport to the place where history began — the Holy Lands. Travel the through Euphrates valley and hear the thunder crack as rain pours down on Noah's ark. A time line included to show you the order of Biblical events.

Publisher: Con-text Systems
25-6157.....$59.95

The Cask of Amontillado
Full dramatic reading of entire text of Edgar Allan Poe's story of murderous revenge. This story brings out our own deepest fears of being buried alive. Explanation of every word or term in the book. Spanish audio background for Spanish speakers learning English.

Publisher: Discis
Languages: English, Spanish
25-6138.....$59.95

Cinderella. The Original Fairy-Tale
A classic that generations of adults and children have enjoyed. Ask your VIS to read your favorite passage, to explain or pronounce unfamiliar words, and even to identify objects that appear in accompanying pictures.

Publisher: Discis
Languages: English, Spanish
25-6131.....$49.95

December 24th
Experience and enjoy a visit to Grandpa's and Grandma's house on a special day. VIS adds engaging music and sounds to this Denys Cazet classic.

Publisher: MacMillan New Media
25-6182.....$29.95

✳ *New!*
Just Grandma and Me
Little Critter and Grandma take the bus to the beach and have a series of adventures. Little Critter takes a ride on a wind-blown umbrella, fends off a crab, and goes snorkeling. Children can click on different images to make them come alive: the cow moos and a squirrel emerges from a hole in a tree, plus many more. Click on any word to hear it pronounced.

Publisher: Broderbund
Languages: English, Spanish, Japanese
25-6158.....$59.95

Heather Hits Her First Home Run
The bases are loaded, her friend Jeffrey is on third, and everyone's calling for a home run as Heather steps up to bat. Let VIS read your favorite passage, explain or pronounce unfamiliar words, and even identify objects in the accompanying pictures.

Publisher: Discis
Languages: English, Spanish
25-6133.....$49.95

Henry and Mudge — The First Book
Henry and Mudge, a boy and his dog, are meant to be together. Most often they are — but not always. VIS adds delightful sounds, music and interactive pictures, as well as word pronunciation for young readers.

Publisher: MacMillan New Media
25-6174.....$29.95

Henry and Mudge in the Sparkle Days
The VIS version of this story adds engaging music and delightful sounds. You can read each page yourself, or choose to have the story read to you. Click on pictures or words to hear them pronounced.

Publisher: MacMillan New Media
25-6175.....$29.95

Introductory Games for Learning Spanish
Learn Spanish through interactive games and stories.

Publisher: Syracuse Language Systems
25-6117.....$49.95

Introductory Games for Learning German
Learn German through interactive games and stories.

Publisher: Syracuse Language Systems
25-6118.....$49.95

Introductory Games for Learning French
Learn French through interactive games and stories.

Publisher: Syracuse Language Systems
25-6119.....$49.95

Jesse Bear, What Will You Wear
Whimsical verse and bright, enchanting illustrations will make this a cherished favorite that even the youngest reader will want to return to again and again.

Publisher: MacMillan New Media
25-6200.....$29.95

A Long Hard Day On The Ranch
Desperate bandits, runaway cattle, wild stallions, hungry ranch hands, mountain lions, and broken toes hold no terrors for our hero. Let VIS read your favorite passage — just point and click.

Publisher: Discis
Languages: English, Spanish
25-6132.....$44.95

Moving Gives Me a Stomach Ache
Moving for a little boy is very hard. How do you move your favorite climbing tree, or say good-bye to your best friend? Discis Books help the little boy find a solution, and it's simple to use: just point and click.

Publisher: Discis
Languages: English, Spanish
25-6134.....$49.95

✳ *New!*
Mutanoid Math Challenge
You can save Earth by defeating invading aliens by solving math problems. Create intersecting equations on a crossword style gameboard. Learn to manipulate numbers and operands, reason deductively, and practice mental estimation skills. Digitized speech, whizzing spaceships, exploding cubes, dropping glop, and more dot this looney landscape.

Publisher: Legacy Software
25-6169.....$49.95

Mud Puddle
Meet a walking mud puddle and see how it continually ambushes one little girl. Ask your VIS to read your favorite passage, to explain or pronounce unfamiliar words, and even identify objects in pictures.

Publisher: Discis
Languages: English, Spanish
25-6128.....$49.95

The Necklace
The Necklace, by Guy de Maupassant, tells of a woman who borrowed a necklace of diamonds, lost it, and spent 10 years in hard labor to pay her debt. The woman's greedy desire for jewels and finery led her to a life of poverty and need, only to find, after 10 years of labor, that the borrowed necklace was paste! Dramatic reading with English and Spanish pronounced.

Publisher: Discis
Languages: English, Spanish
25-6139.....$59.95

The Night Before Christmas
Accompanied by striking Arthur Rackham illustrations, this tale is a classic both adults and children will enjoy. Let your VIS read your favorite passages, explain or pronounce unfamiliar words, and even identify objects that appear in the pictures.

Publisher: Discis
Languages: English, Spanish
25-6135.....$39.95

✳ *New!*
Our House
The "Family Circus" cartoon characters tour a home and its surroundings to understand questions children commonly ask, like "How does a radio work?" and "Where does the water in the faucet come from?" You can also see how a home operated 50, 100, or even 200 years ago! Features rare archived photographs from our nation's past, full-color animations, multi-character narration, and realistic sound effects.

Publisher: Con-text Systems
25-6146.....$69.95

The Paper Bag Princess
A delightful tale of a heroine who outsmarts a fierce dragon and learns an important lesson about love. Let VIS read your favorite passage or explain an unfamiliar word.

Publisher: Discis
Languages: English, Spanish
25-6127.....$49.95

Peter and the Wolf
With music by Serge Prokafiev and narration by Jack Lemmon, this classic tale delights both the young and the old.

Publisher: EBook
25-6154.....$49.95

✳ *New!*
Playing Games in English
Learn English through games and stories. Teaches hundreds of words and expressions in English, using dozens of games designed to teach beginning language skills.

Publisher: Syracuse Language Systems
25-6120.....$49.95

✳ *New!*
Playing Games in Japanese
Teaches hundreds of words and expressions in Japanese, using dozens of games designed to teach beginning language skills. Children learn from digitally recorded voices of native speakers who give examples, instructions, and corrections in Japanese — just like children learn a first language. Several difficulty levels.

Publisher: Syracuse Language Systems
25-6185.....$49.95

✳ *New!*
Race The Clock
Includes three games designed to improve word skills, memory power, and visual discrimination of verbs and other words. Nine different levels of play with choices of educational content and game board. Animated fun for the whole family.

Publisher: Mind Play
25-6163.....$34.95

Rick Ribbit's Adventures in Learning
Join animated frog Rick Ribbit in learning colors, shapes, numbers, letters, and words. Has a special "magic mirror" in a fun-learning atmosphere.

Publisher: Integrated Systems
25-6172.....$29.95

✳ *New!*
Rodney's Funscreen
Entertaining activities for learning to read, count, memorize, and paint. Mr. Archibald leads kids through five games like Dinkey's House where kids help Dinkey use his computer, make breakfast, and even put on his pajamas. Meet the Guessmaster, Alphabeep, Barber Joe, monsters, and more.

Publisher: Activision
25-6152.....$59.95

Scary Poems for Rotten Kids
Publisher: Multicom This comic anthology by award-winning poet Sean Ohuigin takes young readers on a fun-filled tour of the terrible. Let VIS read your favorite poem, or point and click to explain or pronounce unfamiliar words.

Publisher: Discis
Languages: English, Spanish
25-6130.....$49.95

Search for the Sea
Search for the Sea is an interactive story which teaches children about earth, natural science, and the environment through an instructional and entertaining multimedia format.

Publisher: Multicom
25-6143.....$59.95

The Tale of Benjamin Bunny
This tale is another in the classic Peter Rabbit series by Beatrix Potter. You can ask the VIS system to read your favorite passage, to explain or pronounce unfamiliar words, and even to identify objects in pictures.

Publisher: Discis
Languages: English, Spanish
25-6126.....$49.95

The Tale of Peter Rabbit
This is the classic tale of naughty Peter Rabbit, written and illustrated by Beatrix Potter. You can ask the VIS system to read your favorite passages, to explain or pronounce unfamiliar words, and even to identify objects in pictures.

Publisher: Discis
Languages: English, Spanish
25-6125.....$49.95

The Tell-Tale Heart
Two dramatic readings offer different interpretations of Edgar Allan Poe's famous story of one man's fear. Questions and commentary stimulate thinking and promote understanding. The "parts of speech" of each word or term are available.

Publisher: Discis
Languages: English, Spanish
25-6137.....$59.95

Thomas' Snowsuit
Watch how everyone tries to get Thomas into his detested new snowsuit, and see how they all end up wearing it instead. Discis books are very simple: just point and click to have VIS read your favorite story.

Publisher: Discis
Languages: English, Spanish
25-6129.....$49.95

✳ *New!*
Whales' Tale, Secrets of Hosea Freeman
Go on an adventure to learn Captain Hosea Freeman's secret. Search his house for clues and conduct live interviews with whaling experts. Also, explore the local whaling museum and view actual video of whales in their natural environment. Learn the science, communication patterns, and the long history of whales. Multiple endings ensure hours of entertainment. Produced by the National Audubon Society.

Publisher: Top Ten Software
25-6144.....$49.95

✳ *New!*
World Vista
Entertaining reference of interesting places to see and get to know in the world with detailed, full-colored maps of over 220 nations and major cities from Rand McNally's atlases. Includes images, language, and music portraying the enormous diversity of the world's people and nations. With statistical information, history, descriptions, and flags of each nation.

Publisher: Applied Optical
25-6107.....$79.95

Fun

Great Lives Series: Interactive Biographies of American Heroes, Volume I
This volume includes biographies of Gutzon Borglum (Mt. Rushmore), Juliette Gordon Low (Girl Scouts), and Lou "Iron Horse" Gehrig (a baseball great). It provides music, songs, pictures, and narration to give a full interactive experience.
Publisher: The JLR Group
25-6148.....$29.95

Links
Links is the world's finest golf simulations to play at home.
Publisher: Access Software
25-6114.....$69.95

The Meeting of the Minds
Interactive games of history, art, music, and ideas. This exciting game, hosted by Steve Allen, is both entertaining and educational for children and adults.
Publisher: The JLR Group
25-6147.....$39.95

✳ ***New!***
Sherlock Holmes I
Match your wits against the master sleuth to crack three cases: "The Mummy's Curse," "The Tin Soldier," and "The Mystified Murderess." You can consult Holmes' files, confer with the Baker Street Irregulars, interrogate suspects, and meet with Scotland Yard.
Publisher: Icom Simulations
25-6183.....$69.95

✳ ***New!***
Sherlock Holmes II
Match your wits against the master sleuth to crack three cases: "The Two Lions," "The Pilfered Paintings," and "The Murdered." You can consult Holmes' files, confer with the Baker Street Irregulars, interrogate suspects, and meet with Scotland Yard.
Publisher: Icom Simulations
25-6184.....$69.95

Smart Challenge One
Enigmania is an interactive challenge for those who enjoy puzzles. Blow it up and then reassemble it on the screen. Helps develop logical reasoning skills with a fresh look at an old game: Agua Logic.
Publisher: Arkeo
25-6176.....$19.95

Need to exchange defective VIS Media?
See page 7 of the *Merchandising Newsletter* for instructions.

VIS Information

VIS Accessories to Order from CMC

We have some great VIS accessories which can be ordered from CMC.

The Wired Hand Controller (Cat. No. 16-2014, $49.95) can be used in place of, or in addition to, the supplied hand controller. Makes two player games come alive — each player can have a controller for action-packed competition!

An additional Save-It Cartridge (Cat. No. 16-355, $59.95) allows the user to save his or her place in a given application. The label on the cartridge lets the user record the date, game state, and name of the application. One Save-It Cartridge comes with the VIS Player.

Replacement for Infrared VIS Hand Controller

If you need a replacement for your Infrared VIS Hand Controller (Cat. No. FG-1600354, $35.55), order one from National Parts. Because additional hand controllers are in limited supply, they are currently available to stores only.

We hope to have hand controllers available for customers soon. Keep checking ***VIS SOFTWARE*** every month for updates on hand controllers and other new product availability times.

What's the Difference Between VIS, CDI, and the Others?

VIS

VIS is a consumer multimedia device that plugs into a TV and delivers content on a CD-ROM disc. There are three content categories: Entertainment, Information, and Education.

Home Education is VIS's primary focus. From the beginning, it has been marketed as being *more* than a game machine. VIS also has interesting applications in the commercial market place, especially in kiosks.

In designing VIS, the company's strategy was to build from the momentum in the computer industry. VIS has a modified PC architecture with DOS and Modular Windows (a slimmed down version of Windows) running from ROM. This provides the developer with a great deal of compatibility between the PC and VIS. This compatibility allows the developer to build software products which work with multiple platforms and user environments.

CDI

CDI is based upon a strategy similar to VIS. It is a consumer multimedia device that plugs into a TV and delivers educational and entertainment content on a CD-ROM disc, as well. However, the big difference between the two is compatibility. CDI is a standard in itself. It has no compatibility with any other products, but is an attempt by Philips to create a brand new standard for software developers to follow.

Others

CDTV is not available in the United States, and will not be for a while. Sony's portable MMCD (Multi-media CD) currently has uses in the commercial market, but none in the consumer market. Some companies use MMCD machines to play reading books (motivational type) for executives.

	VIS	CDI
Features		
Video Output	Yes	Yes
Composite	Yes	Yes
S-Video	Yes	Yes
Stereo Output	Yes	Yes
Number of Software Titles	75+	?
Retail Price	699	599
Static Storage Device	Yes	No
Photo CD	No	Yes
Modem	Option	No
Full-Motion Video	Future Upgrade	Future Upgrade
Hand Controller	Yes	Yes
Microphone Input	Yes	Yes
Keyboard	Option	No
Mouse	Option	No
Serial Port	Option	No
Benefits		
Distribution	5000+	2000
Compatibility	PC & Windows	No